

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A camera comprising:
2 a photo-sensitive array for capturing an image;
3 a microphone;
4 a memory; and
5 a processor coupled to the photo-sensitive array, microphone and memory, the
6 processor converts audio input provided by the microphone into text and stores the text
7 in the memory.
- 1 2. The camera of claim 1 wherein the photo-sensitive array comprises a charge
2 coupled device.
- 1 3. The camera of claim 1 wherein the processor stores the captured image as a
2 digital data file in the memory.
- 1 4. The camera of claim 1 wherein the processor stores the captured image and the
2 text as a single digital data file in the memory.
- 1 5. The camera of claim 1 further comprising an input control for activating the
2 processor to capture audio input provided via the microphone.
- 1 6. The camera of claim 5 wherein the input control is a switch.
- 1 7. The camera of claim 5 wherein the input control is an audio command provided
2 via the microphone to the processor.

- 1 8. A camera comprising:
2 a photo-sensitive array for capturing an image;
3 a microphone;
4 a memory; and
5 a processor coupled to the photo-sensitive array, microphone and memory, the
6 processor converts captured audio input provided by the microphone into a digital text
7 file and converts the captured image into a digital image file, and wherein the processor
8 stores the digital image file and the digital text file as a single composite digital data file
9 in the memory.
- 1 9. The camera of claim 8 further comprising an input control for activating the
2 processor to capture audio input provided via the microphone.
- 1 10. The camera of claim 9 wherein the input control is an audio command provided
2 via the microphone to the processor.
- 1 11. The camera of claim 8 wherein the processor further stores the captured audio as
2 a separate audio file in the memory.
- 1 12. A method of operating a camera comprising:
2 activating a shutter of the camera to capture a light image;
3 converting the light image to digital image data;
4 activating an audio input;
5 capturing audio input; and
6 converting the audio input into text data.
- 1 13. The method of claim 12 further comprising storing the digital image data and the
2 text data in a memory of the camera.

1 14. The method of claim 13 wherein the digital image data and the text data are
2 stored in the memory of the camera as a composite digital file.

1 15. A method of operating a camera comprising:
2 activating a shutter of the camera to capture a light image using a photosensitive
3 array;
4 converting the light image to digital image data;
5 activating an audio input;
6 capturing audio input;
7 converting the audio input into text data; and
8 storing the text data and the digital image data as a single digital data file in a
9 memory of the camera.

1 16. A camera system comprising:
2 camera having a photo-sensitive array for capturing an image, a microphone, and
3 a memory; and
4 an external processor coupled to the camera, the processor converts audio input
5 provided by the camera into text and combines the text and the image provided by the
6 camera into a common data file.

1 17. The camera system of claim 16 further comprising an input control for activating
2 the external processor to capture audio input provided via the microphone.

1 18. The camera system of claim 17 wherein the input control is a switch.

1 19. The camera system of claim 17 wherein the input control is an audio command
2 provided via the microphone to the processor.

1 20. A method of operating a camera system comprising:
2 activating a shutter of the camera to capture a light image using a photosensitive
3 array;
4 converting the light image to digital image data;
5 activating an audio input;
6 capturing audio input;
7 converting the audio input into text data using an external processor; and
8 storing the text data and the digital image data as a single digital data file.

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